Atomic Power Project, Koodankulam

*254. SHRI K.P.K. KUMARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Allocation Formula in the matter of I and II Reactors of the Koodankulam Atomic Power Project be modified as a special case to help the natural resourceless State of Tamilnadu;

(b) whether any requests regarding the unallocated residual power of 300 M.W. have been received from the Southern States; and

(c) whether the entire quantum of this unallocated power would be allocated to Tamilnadu since people of the State are completely dissatisfied with the 925 M.W. earmarked for the State out of the total production of 2000 M.W?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The allocation of power is decided by the Ministry of Power in accordance with a formula under which the Central Power Sector Unit (CPSU) has to make an offer first to each constituent State in the region as follows:

* 10% to the Home State

* 15% un allocated share and

* the balance 75% to be shared between the constituent States (including the Home State) based on their shares of central plan assistance and energy sale in the region with equal weightage. In case any constituent decides not to take its share or part thereof, the CPSU can sell power to any other State/Union Territory.

(b) and (c) Share of 15% is retained as unallocated by the Government to meet any exigencies arising in any of the States in the region on a short term basis. This allocation is, however, possible only after commencement of commercial operation of the Units. As the construction of Kudankulam project is in progress, the allocation of unallocated power cannot be decided at this stage.